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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8292

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

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ROME AND ATHENS FOR INS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, CVIS

SUBJECT: ASSYRIANS AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES

REF: ATHENS 1621

1. MISSION HAS JUST BEEN ADVISED BY DEPUTY UNHCR MACE THAT ASSYRIAN/ARMENIAN PROCESSING IN BEIRUT HAS GOTTEN OFF TO BAD START.

2. MACE HAS RECEIVED CALL FROM UNHCR REP JAHN IN BEIRUT REPORTING THAT LATTER, HAVING SUMMONED 200 REFUGEES TO HIS OFFICE THIS MORNING FOR INITIAL PROCESSING, WAS CONFRONTED BY MOB OF SOME 800. FIST FIGHTS BROKE OUT, BLOOD FLOWED, AND TWO MEN PRODUCED MACHINE GUNS WHICH, FORTUNATELY, THEY DID NOT USE. HOWEVER, JAHN, THOROUGHLY ALARMED, HAS CLOSED HIS OFFICE FOR THE DAY.

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3. UNHCR IS NOW ATTEMPTING COMMUNICATE WITH JAHN

AGAIN TO GET FURTHER DETAILS IN CALMER ATMOSPHERE.
HOWEVER, THEIR IMMEDIATE REACTION IS THAT IT MAY
BE NECESSARY TO REMOVE ENTIRE GROUP FROM LEBANON FOR
ORDERLY PROCESSING (THIS IS A TURNAROUND: AS DEPARTMENT
AWARE, UNHCR HAS HERETOFORE PUSHED FOR AS MUCH
PROCESSING IN BEIRUT AS POSSIBLE.)

4. WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES ADVISED OF FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY REPORTED HERE. WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY RELEVANT OBSERVATIONS EMBASSY BEIRUT MAY HAVE.
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